

PROCLAMATION OF THE DECENNIUM OF THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

The signing organizations, representatives of social, academic, non-governmental organizations, communities, Ecuadorian and world citizens,

Considering

That, on the 28th of September, 2018, the tenth-year anniversary of the approval of the referendum of the Constitution of Montecristi will be celebrated; act in which the Rights of Nature or Pachamama were recognized in Ecuador.

That, Ecuador is the first country in the world in recognize, at a constitutional level the Rights of Nature.

That, the approval of the Rights of Nature or Pachamama, constitutes an inspirational step at a worldwide level in the search for a new paradigm to face the imminent environmental crisis, which its biggest evidence is the climate change phenomenon and the massive extinction of species.

That, in the last years, the international debate in regards to the protection of the planet has been significantly enriched with perspective of the Rights of Nature. The World People's Conference for Mother Earth and Climate Change, that took place in Cochabamba in 2010, the initiative of the United Nations "Harmony with Nature" Dialogue as a global proposal, that looks to contribute a non-anthropocentric view in respect to the ecological problem, the *Laudato Sí* about the care of our common home of the Catholic Church, amongst other milestones, show the global impact of the perspective of the Rights of Nature.

That, nature has been and continues to be victim of aggressions that put at risk the very existence of life on planet Earth.

That, various countries have adopted judicial, legislative and public policy decisions that are in accord with the perspectives of the Rights of Nature, by recognizing as subjects of rights to non-human personas like animals, rivers and other natural spaces (i.e.: New Zealand and Colombia).

That, at an international level other legal experiences that recognize Rights of Nature in their judicial systems (Bolivia), regional constitutions (Mexico) and municipal ordinances (United States of America).

That, at a national level, the Rights of Nature have been an inspiration and instrument for social movements, indigenous people, farmers, women's associations, children and young people, ecologists, environmentalists and human rights movements, that fight to defend Nature and the local communities affected by extraction-based and mega-infrastructure projects.

That, in approximately twenty-four judicial cases, Ecuadorian judges, including the ones in the highest national tribunal spheres, which is the Constitutional Court, have expressed guardianship of Nature.

That, the planning and public policy instruments approved by the State and autonomous decentralized governments adopt and develop Rights of Nature, in their National Planning for “Buen Vivir” and the Territorial Ordinance Plans.

That, it is necessary to amplify and delve into the debate regarding the conceptual and philosophical aspects of Rights of Nature, as well as its use in the defense and protection of our planet.

We resolve

In exercise of our freedom of expression, thoughts, associative and organization rights with legal purposes, to participate in public affairs to defend and promote fundamental rights:

I

Declaring of the Decennium of Rights of Nature (2018-2028), crucial period in history which humanity is faced with key decisions to guarantee its survival, by rectifying political and practical economic decisions that in the last centuries have led to the decay in the environmental quality of the planet.

II

Calls on people, organizations and national and international institutions to unite in a common effort to deeply comprehend and the development of the rights that protect Nature as main subject of immanent dignity.

III

Working so that the Ecuadorian State, the United Nations, the Organization of American States and other States and International Organisms, undertake processes to declare the Decade of Rights of Nature as a means to an end to generate normative and political instruments to expand their recognition.

IV

Urges all of the States to adopt the recognition of the Rights of Nature within their judicial frameworks, especially those of Ecuador and Bolivia, and to guarantee the Rights of Nature and to promote de Decennium within their frontiers, as well as in the system of the United Nations.

Signing below,

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- Braulio Gutierrez, Ruta por la Verdad
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